

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/827,469

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to June 12th, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-49 and 91-93.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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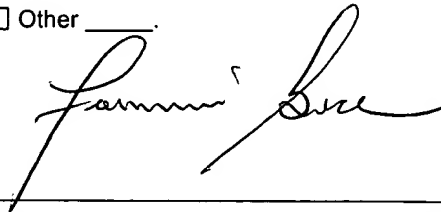
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-49 and 91-93 are allowed over Leonhard et al. (U.S. App. Pub. No. 2002/0052933) combine with Yamaguchi (U.S. Patent No. 5,323,244) and Benardeau (U.S. Patent No. 6,813,709).

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 - a. Applicant discloses a system and method providing access to content stored within a memory of one or more content servers. A user contacts a main website. The main website displays to the user the content that is available. The user may then select and download content to the user network-enabled device. Because the content is not accessible to the user in a user-perceptible form without a license, the user will be required to obtain a license either before, after, or at the same time the content is downloaded. Applicant invention is novel and innovative in the sense that it an encryption key to enable the user network-enabled device to produce a user-perceptible form of the selected encrypted content when the conditions defined by the access information conditions are met and to inhibit production of a user-perceptible form of the selected encrypted content when the conditions defined by the access information are not met; and a root key for decrypting the encrypted license to allow the access information

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and the encryption key in the encrypted license to be accessed by a media player and security technology programmed on the user network-enabled device, the media player and security technology controlling a specific media player on the user network-enabled device to produce the user- perceptible form of the selected encrypted content. The prior arts specifically Leonhard et al. (U.S. App. Pub. No. 2002/0052933) combine with Yamaguchi (U.S. Patent No. 5,323,244) and Benardeau (U.S. Patent No. 6,813,709) fail to teach or suggest the invention disclosed by the Applicant.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

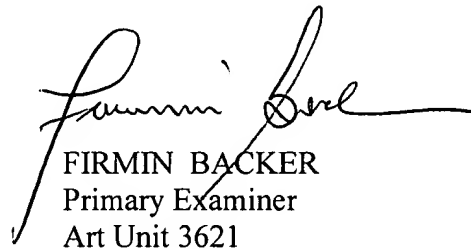
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FIRMIN BACKER whose telephone number is 571-272-6703. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on (571) 272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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